

UTRB 2018: Four Fascinating and Innovative Races

The wait is over! Registration for the 5th edition of the Ultra Trail Raidlight Beachcomber (UTRB) 2018 is open! This annual 5-star trail, known for gathering famous names in the discipline is scheduled on the 28th & 29th of July 2018 and promises to be an enthralling experience for trail enthusiasts.

The 2018 edition will comprise of four fascinating and innovative races. This time the quintessential *Trail des 7 Couleurs* will include a new 100-km run path. That race will feature a new option for the 2018 edition: participants will be able to run in teams of two, which would be a nice option for trailers who prefer relays. As for the three other races proposed by Beachcomber Events, the 47km, 25km and 10km races, they remain almost the same, seducing runners through their technicalities and breath-taking sceneries.

Sports and nature amateurs can register right away for UTRB on this link: <u>http://www.beachcomber-events.com/utrb</u>.

The UTRB 2017 120-km race was sensation-packed and saw the victory of the Nepalese Sangé Sherpa in 13 hours 57 minutes and 08 seconds. Jean Marie Cadet of Reunion Island won the 47-km race in 3 hours 48 minutes and 54 seconds. Frédéric Duchemann, also of Reunion Island, took the 1st place in the 25-km Nautile trail finishing in 1 hour 47 minutes and 57 secs, whereas Jean Patrice Payet, another trailer from Reunion Island, stole the show in the 10-km race in less than 35 minutes!

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About Beachcomber

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels is the pioneer and leader of the Mauritian tourism industry. Since the creation of Park Hotel in 1952, a collection of 9 resorts have emerged over the years, including the mythical Royal Palm Beachcomber Luxury Mauritius in 1985, considered by everyone as the reference in hospitality for luxury holidays in Mauritius.

The Group recently expanded its collection, with the integration of the Beachcomber French Riviera, situated on the Côte d'Azur, in France.



The collection of 9 resorts affords a choice of accommodation options ranging from rooms and apartments to suites and villas. Each hotel is imbued with a particular history and cachet, embodying an image of discrete luxury.

Social responsibility – Fondation Espoir Développement (FED), by Beachcomber

Set up and financed by Beachcomber since 1999, with the participation of hotels and employees, this foundation takes care of these main projects:

- Projet Employabilité Jeunes (PEJ): professional insertion of school drop-outs through a training programme and industrial attachments.
- Collaboration with NGOs, schools and associations
- Regional projects youth mentoring: the "Amour et Espoir" NGO; IT initiation; youth monitoring via the "Duke of Edinburgh International Award" programme, participation of regional sports clubs in the organisation of the Beachcomber UTRB Trail 2015

Social responsibility – Local Hands

Programme launched in 2006 to support small local artisans by providing them with training and guidance as they embark upon the process of creation, production, marketing and sales.

Sustainable development – our environmental actions – EarthCheck label

Sustainable development and environmental protection constitute real considerations within the Group, which has set up, amongst other initiatives, practices that ensure energy savings and favour renewable energy sources. These initiatives in favour of sustainable development have been recognised and rewarded, with two of our hotels recently obtaining the EarthCheck Benchmarked Bronze accreditation for their ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible practices.